

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Health and Human Services		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Board of Scientific Counselors Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development		801	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	07/01/1986		
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority	Authorized by Law		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)	11/20/1985	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee	Other Committee		
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	17d. Total
0	0	2	2
Meetings and Dates			
Purpose	Start	End	
Review of Intramural Laboratory	12/01/2017	- 12/01/2017	
Review of Intramural Laboratory	06/01/2018	- 06/01/2018	
Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2			
	Current FY	Next FY	
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00	
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$233,389.00	\$237,824.00	
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$6,200.00	\$6,200.00	

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$12,454.00	\$12,579.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$19,420.00	\$19,607.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$89,108.00	\$90,890.00
18d. Total	\$364,571.00	\$371,100.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.30	1.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that ...the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute's intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. The Board is composed of scientific and technical experts. The Board of Scientific Counselors, NICHD, continues to provide indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the science management of the intramural research programs. The Board holds two meetings each year for peer review of selected laboratories, and the chairman and individual Board members are frequently consulted for advice on staff appointments and program development. The Board is provided a written description of the overall research to be reviewed which presents the past accomplishments, objectives, and projected directions of the laboratory and its recommendations to the Scientific Director of the Institute. The Board provides a description of its activities to the National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council for review.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of 15 members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of developmental neurobiology, developmental pharmacology, pharmacogenetics, social and behavioral science, pregnancy research, reproductive endocrinology, molecular genetics, developmental endocrinology, human genetics, theoretical and physical biology, neurochemistry, neuroimmunology, reproductive, perinatal and pediatric epidemiology and statistics, maternal-fetal medicine, including neonatology and perinatal pathology, clinical science, psychology, and developmental and molecular biology. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board met twice during this reporting period: 12/1/2017 and 6/1/2018. Members participated in two site visits during this period on the following dates: 11/29-11/30/2017 and 5/30-31/2018. The Chair participated in an additional NIH-wide Chairs workgroup meeting on 5/11/2018.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and principal investigators in the following areas: Gene Regulation and Development; Reproductive Biology and Medicine; Developmental Neuroscience; Developmental Biology; Endocrinology and Genetics; Translational Medicine; Cellular and Structural Biology.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meetings of the Board were closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussions could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any reports during this reporting period. The Designated Federal Official and Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual based on assigned duties within the IC. The actual and projected costs for operating this committee in FY2018 are lower than the actual and projected costs in the FY2017 ACR report. This was due to a decrease in costs for the logistical contract. Member Scott Rivkees has been reassigned as Chair for a term of 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2020.

Designated Federal Officer

CONSTANTINE A. STRATAKIS SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR, NICHD

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
MIKOS, ANTONIOS	07/01/2013	06/30/2018	LOUIS CALDER PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SADOVSKY, YOEL	11/14/2014	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
VILAIN, ERIC	07/26/2016	06/30/2020	DIRECTOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 3

Narrative Description

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. NIH works toward that mission by conducting research in its own laboratories. Section 402 (b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NIH-supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

74

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Board members participated in two NICHD Intramural Research Laboratory Site Visits (November 29-30, 2017 and May 30-31, 2018) and made two recommendations. The results of these sites visits are highly confidential in that they address the productivity of the laboratory and principal investigators. On a continuing basis, the Board provides advice on issues concerning program planning, policy formulation, and resource allocation to the Institute's intramural laboratories and branches.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

An annual fiscal report and non-public summaries of Minutes of meetings are produced.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. The BSC uses an external peer review committee that evaluates Division of Intramural Research scientists on the basis of accomplishments. The BSC review evaluates an individual research program's long-term objectives and accomplishments. The review includes an evaluation of both the Laboratory and Branch leadership and the research performed by independent investigators. If warranted, the review will recommend the reorganization of priorities and reallocation of resources. Due to the highly confidential nature of these recommendations, they are not divulged to the public.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A